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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 7667**
Satoshi KONDO et al. : Docket No. 2001_0040A
Serial No. 09/764,381 : Group Art Unit 2625
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2003, having a three (3) month shortened-statutory period for response set to expire March 22, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: